

DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller *[Signature]* 16 December 1965

1. I met with the four operating Deputies--Bannerman, Cline, FitzGerald, and Wheelon.

a. I presented them with a copy of the revised manpower control policy paper. I explained to them that we do not propose to be hard-nosed about changes and assume the instances when we will have a difference of opinion will be fairly rare. I emphasized that they could expect expeditious handling of the papers and solicited their cooperation. No one seemed to have any problem except Des; however, he accepted it gracefully.

b. We also discussed the procedures for recommending promotions and assignments of supergrade personnel. The consensus was that it would not be worthwhile to reactivate the old Supergrade Review Board. Each Deputy felt that he has a perfectly good screening mechanism within his own Directorate and that the opinion of the other Deputies would not be worth the time it would take to run such a Board. No one objected, however, to formalizing the present procedures and to including a statement on the opinion of such screening mechanisms on each proposed promotion they submit. I agreed to mention this to Mr. Helms to see if this will satisfy him.

c. We also discussed alcoholism, and I was somewhat surprised to find that they all feel this is a growing problem in the Agency and are at a loss to know what to do about it. We first agreed that it would be appropriate for the five of us plus the Inspector General and the General Counsel to meet with Dr. Tietjen in executive session to discuss this matter. On second thought, Des said that he would prefer to meet with Dr. Tietjen, the Inspector General, and me first. I agreed to do this and said that we might also have the meeting with the other Deputies.

2. I met with the Director, Des FitzGerald, Cord Meyer, John Clarke, and  to discuss the Bureau of the Budget's new

mark as a result of yesterday's reclama. After some discussion in which Des expressed his reservations about the cut in Cuba and Cord expressed his reservations about the reductions in the Radios, the Director made some very forceful remarks about needing some very solid facts before he could appeal any of these cuts to the President. Des then accepted the cuts without a further reclama. The Director decided to accept the BOB figure but wants to write a very strong letter to Charlie Schultze expressing our reservations about some of the allowances, specifically those for NPIC and the reserve and the 1 1/4 percent personnel reduction. We will also mention Cuba and the Radios in low key.

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